

LICKING VALLEY COURIER.

VOLUME 3. NO. 24.

WEST LIBERTY, MORGAN COUNTY, KENTUCKY, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1912.

WHOLE NUMBER 128

FIGHT

On Tax-Dodging Corporations Begins.

County Judges and Attorneys Meet and Urge Appointment of Special Counsel To Assist Attorney-General in Tax Suits Involving Millions.

Justus Goebel Makes Strong Speech at Meeting.

At a meeting of the county judges and county attorneys of the State held at the House of Representatives, Frankfort, Ky., on Nov. 8, the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That we, the county judges and county attorneys of the State, in convention assembled, heartily approve and endorse the action of the State Board of Valuation and Assessment in placing upon the great corporations of the State, enjoying valuable public franchises and privileges, their just share of the burdens of taxation and we commend their acts to the people of the State as constituting the greatest tax reform of many years, and while we entertain the very highest regard and respect for the ability of the Attorney General and his assistants and the Hon. John L. Rich, of Covington, employed as assistant counsel, we are unwilling that any lack of counsel on behalf of the State should endanger the just and patriotic action of the State Board of Valuation and Assessment, and we recommend to the Attorney General and the Governor of the State that an emergency exists and that the most eminent counsel be employed to defend the action of the State Board of Valuation and Assessment in the United States Court."

William Goebel, of Covington, made a speech before the assemblage, pleading for the employment of additional counsel for the State. Mr. Goebel said:

"Mr. President, Gentlemen and My Brother Kentuckians:

"I am most happy to meet with the county judges and county attorneys of the State. I am grateful beyond my powers of expression for the invitation of your President which permits my presence here, and asks some expression from me on this occasion.

"You, the gentlemen of the respective counties of the State, who have been elected to office and charged by law to protect the interests of widows and orphans—estates in the hands of trustees—the every citizen and taxpayer who voted for you or against you, as well as those who did not vote at all; you, all of you, in your official capacity have sworn duties to perform, and out of gratitude to those who have honored you, you must have great desire to perform those duties well. With reference to the business of this day—the subject-matter here to be discussed—your sworn duty is to protect the interests of every taxpayer of the county you represent.

Corporations Deny People Rights.

"You are here to consider a matter of infinite interest to your people as a whole. The subject involves an inherent and constitutional right which has long been denied them because of corporate avarice and greed and the weakness, if not dishonesty, of some in whom the people in the past have placed their trust.

"That the great common people should bear only their fair and just proportion of the burden of taxation is one of the greatest blessings to our kind for which my brother, William, labored and prayed and because of which he was finally assassinated.

"It is surprising that I am here filled with a profound earnest desire that the people of my State, of the State of my martyred brother, shall come into this enjoyment of a right to which in all law and in common honesty they are entitled?

Unjust Taxation Upon People.

"Too long, altogether too long, has there been unjust discrimination against the people, unjust and burdensome taxation upon the people as compared with what has been required to be paid by the big corporations of our

State. Corporation lawyers have boastfully said "The death of William Goebel was a benefit to the corporations." If this were true, the question is, how much longer shall the people be held in bondage because of his death?

"God knows the corporations now suing the State have been able to procure (and the word procure is used advisedly) immunity long enough from paying their just share of the taxes.

People Are Awakening.

"A hundred million dollar increase in the value of corporation property, for taxation opens a new era in the State's affairs and has awakened the people, and brought them to realization of what has been done to them through all the years of the past. As certainly as truth, though crushed to earth, will rise, just so certainly will there be further awakening which will correct abuses equally as great as unequal taxation, and its effect will be that henceforth every man who would hold office by preference of the people must be a progressive, and no limitation, no mere pretense will satisfy them; they will sweep aside and into oblivion as old chaff any man who hesitates or dares to stand in the way of improvement and betterment of conditions for the whole people.

"No one doubts, had William Goebel been permitted to live, that which was recently done by the Board of Valuation and Assessment would have been done more than a decade ago, and today, instead of the large public service corporations fighting in the courts and by sinister methods endeavoring to perpetuate unjust and unequal taxation; attempting to throttle the action of the present State taxing board, the first to act fairly in the interest of the people, such corporations would long ago have been paying into the State, county and city treasuries their just proportion of the taxes.

State Rebated of Millions.

"In the last twelve years, since the death of William Goebel, the State, counties and cities have been robbed and the word robbed is the only word that fits the case) of more than ten million dollars in taxes.

"I am going to prove it.

"In the years from 1902 to 1911, inclusive, a period of ten years, there has been an average increase in the franchise assessments of the four largest railroads in the State of only 1/4 per cent yearly.—

"I think of it! and this almost unbelieveable record of astonishingly small increases was made in the ten best years for earnings that the railroads of this country ever saw.

Inadequate Taxation of Railroads.

"The picture here presented of the previous inadequate franchise assessments is astounding, but when one examines into the situation regarding the tangible assessments made by railroad commissions of the properties of four of the corporations now suing the State, the word 'astounding' is inadequate and here must be supplanted by the word 'dumbfounding' to state more correctly what this tangible assessment picture actually presents.

"Take the case of the C. & O. R. R. and the records show that the tangible property of this company in 1892, 20 years ago, was assessed at \$8,019,577. Now, holding the much added influence of road, double tracking of a vast system, requiring much new real estate, probably more than doubling the equipment of engines and cars, and increasing by earthing the value of its stock 60 per cent, this company's tangible property was assessed in 1911 at only \$4,270,270, or 21 1/2 per cent less than in 1892, 20 years ago. Further comment to show that this State has been robbed is unnecessary.

"The other railroads have been similarly inadequately assessed on their tangible property for many years.

Corporations Prevent Honest Valuations.

"In fact, until this year the Board of Valuation and Assessment has been controlled in the interest of the very corporations by some hook or crook, either friend or political favor rendered or to be rendered, bribery or intimidation, but never before has the State, counties or cities been given what they were rightfully entitled to.

"Another of the many examples of flagrant abuse of public trust.

"I wish I could leave out of my remarks what I am about to say, but that is impossible under present circumstances. Until now, I have said very little about the L. & N. Railroad.

"Some may say that I have an old animosity to the L. & N. Railroad. Some may say that I have an old animosity to the L. & N. Railroad Company, because of the assassination of my brother. I say, gentlemen, that is a mistake. In my state of health and mind, as far as my age, I have nothing but love for my fellowmen, whether they agree with me or not. Next to the last words of my dear brother spoke were these: 'They do not understand.'

"Necessity for action in the interest of the people has grown as years have passed, until it has developed into what is today a crying shame from which relief must come.

"It is very evident that in Kentucky, as in other States, big corporations will never pay a cent more of taxes than they are made to pay.

"Gentlemen, I am going to prove it in a few minutes. Take the case of the C. & O. Railroad. Where is Mr. Wall? I would like for him to hear me.

"Low Valuation of C. & O. Railroad.

"Take the case of the C. & O. Railroad. In 1911 that road on its entire system in Kentucky paid taxes on a total valuation of only \$3,313,70 whereas, the street railway company of the city of Louisville was made to pay on a valuation of \$10,000,000. Think of it, gentlemen!

"The C. & O. R. R. in 1901 paid taxes on its franchise valuation of only \$2,171,189, and in 1911 on a valuation of only \$2,743,360; whereas, the board found that their 1912 assessment should be \$18,798,630. The C. N. O. & T. P. R. R. in 1901 paid taxes on a franchise valuation of only \$3,110,197, and in 1911 on a valuation of only \$3,663,000; whereas, the board found their 1912 assessment should be \$10,270,920.

"I said a while ago that the corpora-

on a franchise valuation of only \$1,083,570, and in 1911 on a valuation of only \$4,510,320, whereas, the board found their 1912 assessment should be \$14,715,657. The L. & N. R. R. in 1901 paid taxes on a franchise valuation of only \$9,501,879 and in 1911 on a valuation of only \$11,893,200, whereas, the board found their 1912 assessment should be \$45,428,074.

Eight Must Be to a Finish.

"I want to tell you gentlemen, that assessment is fair and just, and if we get justice in the courts we will win. But, no less a man than the Hon. William J. Bryan, the great champion of the people, has stated that courts do not always do justice to the people, Hon. Theodore Roosevelt, said the same thing, and recently charged that some of the judges he put on the bench proved dishonest. Gentlemen, I want you to go into this fight, with an ardent heart and with loyal lawyers, and fight to a finish and to death, if necessary. Now, I want to say to you I am no corporation hater. I am a business man. I know we have to have corporations, and big ones, but we don't have to have them to the disadvantage of the people. I want them to have dividends. But I do not want them to reap them at the expense of the people and the other taxpayers. Let me tell you what the other taxpayers pay. Equality is all I want.

"Without exception all these companies and the two others now suing wanted the same assessment for 1912 that they had in 1911. The Board of Valuation and Assessment based their 1912 assessments on convincing proof of values placed before them, and the assessments are uniformly just and fair, and of the more than four hundred corporations assessed by the board this year, only eight have protested in the court, and these are among those that have always proportionately paid the least.

William Frey, the elder brother, grew

one-fourth of an acre of potatoes this

season. He harvested eighty-eight

bushels of splendid tubers on the plot.

When he was asked about the crop

and its cultivation, he said:

"Yes, that yield was some better than

most of the neighbors around here.

You see, eighty-eight bushels on my

little piece is the same as 117 barrels

to the acre. Of course I do some

things the neighbors didn't do, because

I did all of my work from the direct

from the government seed me.

Every

peasant plows minute under when they

break the ground in the spring, but I

used my two big wagon loads of rotted

munure for a top dressing after my po-

tatoes were in the ground.

William Frey, the elder brother, grew

one-fourth of an acre of potatoes this

season. He harvested eighty-eight

bushels of splendid tubers on the plot.

When he was asked about the crop

and its cultivation, he said:

"Yes, that yield was some better than

most of the neighbors around here.

You see, eighty-eight bushels on my

little piece is the same as 117 barrels

to the acre. Of course I do some

things the neighbors didn't do, because

I did all of my work from the direct

from the government seed me.

Every

peasant plows minute under when they

break the ground in the spring, but I

used my two big wagon loads of rotted

munure for a top dressing after my po-

tatoes were in the ground.

The folks that came over here said

my potatoes were darker green than

any of the others in the neighborhood.

Now, I am not so bad, is it. We never saw

people more anxious to do a good

deed than they were in West Li-

erty last Friday, and we feel real

glad that we undertook the en-

terprise. We wish to thank all

who helped and those who could

not help but wished us well in

our labor of love for the chil-

dren.

We promised last week that

we would publish a list of all who

took part in the tree planting,

but we will be unable to do so,

for while we were gone to the

woods to get trees many planted

whose names we did not know

and on that account we couldn't

give all the names, so we will

just say that we think most

everybody in the neighborhood

who could do so planted a tree

or helped others to do it. In pub-

lishing the list of those who last

week had volunteered to plant a

tree, we omitted, by mistake,

the name of the first man who

volunteered to plant—Judge I. C.

Ferguson. We mention this in

justice to him as we made the

mistake of leaving his name out

of the list last week. He planted

his tree and it is now a living

monument to his memory, as are

all others to those who planted.

In the years to come these shrubs

will grow to stately trees, children

of future generations will play

beneath them and bless the memory

of those who provided for them in

LICKING VALLEY COURIER.
Issued Thursday by
The Morgan County Publishing Co.

Terms—One Dollar a year in advance.

All communications should be addressed to the Editor.

Entered as second class matter April 7, 1910, at the post-office at West Liberty, Ky., under the Act of March 3, 1879.

H. G. COTTLE, Editor.

Diden't Prof. Cisco hustle 'em up Arbor Day.

Awfully still like and quiet since the election.

There are still a few unsightly spots on the streets. Better remove them before the mud gets too deep.

The republicans will never forgive the democrats if a panic does not follow the inauguration of Wilson.

Everyone ought to give thanks this year. We have exceptionally good crops of all kinds. Wilson is elected president and Jack Johnson is in jail.

More railroad talk going the rounds. Wonder where or with whom it originated? Keep it up—perhaps something will develop after a while.

Wouldn't it be nice if every body in town would take pattern after a few of our more progressive citizens and build concrete sidewalks before they are forced to do it?

What's the matter with the town clock? Or rather what can be done for it? It refuses to hit the hours off regularly. We suggest that a doctor be called in to examine the thing and see if its case is hopeless.

The C. H. & D. railroad refused to put in a stock signal system, in obedience to the order of the Indiana Railroad Commission, and on last Wednesday a wreck occurred in which fifteen were killed and seventeen were seriously injured. The wife and four children of Clifton Cheney, were among the killed.

Thus to save the expense of providing safety appliances the lives of the people are sacrificed. Will the time ever come when the railroads will obey the law?

An aspiring politician was heard to say not long since, that if he concluded to make the race for a certain office he was going to subscribe for the Courier. Ye Gods, what a public-spirited citizen! Wouldn't a man who patronizes his country paper just to see what his opponents might say about him make one h—l of an officer? Voters, watch such a one when he sticks himself up to be voted for. The Courier will help you spot him.

The hunting season opened Friday and never before was there as many disappointed Nimrods as on that day. Many hunters went early afield and tramped through the entire day without bagging a single bobwhite. Birds are scarcer in Morgan county than they were ever known before. This fact is attributable to more than one cause. Last winter was severe and many birds perished from hunger and cold. Pot hunter have contributed largely toward the depletion of game and bird dogs running at large during the nesting season is another factor in destroying the sport. The last two causes could and ought to be remedied and unless there are some restrictions placed upon the pot hunter and dogs running at large in the spring when the young birds fall an easy prey, the sport will never be worth while in this county again.

There should be some preparation and arrangement made to provide for boarding the pupils who will enter the West Liberty school the coming winter. The people here do not realize fully the benefits to the town that a large number of school students are; and are not really enough to provide arrangement for their accommodation. The large residence of W. M. Kendall, that is

advertized for rent would make a splendid girl's dormitory, and some arrangement should be made to get it for that purpose.

And families with sufficient room should be willing to take in a few students to board, not to profit thereby, but to make a big attendance to the school possible.

The opening of the Normal department will add a large number of students to the roll, and no one should be prevented from attending school here on account of no place to board.

One of the strangest things about religion of the later day type is its tendency to make its votaries narrow and intolerant. According to their ideas he who differs from them is wrong, no matter, how pure his motives or honest his convictions. To maintain an honest opinion, contrary to that of the church militant, is to be damned, worlds without end. I have been approached, lately, by those who said they were anxious to see this fight, between me and the churches in this town, stopped, who asked and begged me to desist in the interest of harmony. Palpably unreasonable and unfair as their request sounded to me and as it really was, I promised to not strike again except in self defense. To not deliver another blow until I was first struck. This promise I have kept and more than kept. I have ignored several little thrusts and passed them by as unworthy of notice. I don't want to be always in a brawl. I am by nature pacific, but if that good (?) Church member who is quoted as saying that, "we have Cottle thoroughly licked this time; he has fired his big gun and is ready to lay down his arms but is ashamed to say so." I say if that person, whose identity is unknown to me, will come out boldly and above board and make this assertion over their signature, on in the presence of witnesses without binding them by a solemn promise not to tell. I repeat if he she or they, will come from under cover and hurl an open defiance of this character at me I will give them such a roasting that their whitened bones will not even smell of scorched flesh. I will burn their leprosy bodies and sin saturated souls until the danger from contamination by contact will be reduced to a minimum, taking chances, of course, on the sickening odor arising therefrom creating pestilence.

This article is not meant for the church or churches as a whole. Although I recognize in them, as organized bodies, my implacable enemies. I yet have some friends in the churches who realize that I am not a total moral degenerate; that there are two sides to this question and who know that I am right, but it takes a rare quality of moral courage to run counter to church traditions. There are those who would be my defenders if they were not afraid of public opinion. To those I will say, not apologetically but by way of explanation, that this article is not for them.

The election of the democratic candidates and a democratic Congress are but incidents—the first incidents—in the revolution that now is moving onward.

The daily press speaks of a threatened revolution. That revolution has been in progress for years.

We are in the midst of it. Slowly but steadily it has been gathering strength; the great body of wealth-producers—the laborers—have at last turned against the powers that have oppressed them and the election of Wilson's defeat of Taft was overwhelming and significant.

The election of the democratic ticket is not for them.

I promised to be quiescent so long as I was left alone. This I did and longer still. I only spoke when silence was no longer bearable. And I am forced to acknowledge the futility of my efforts. I am shooting without definite aim, not knowing where my enemy is hidden. I stand out boldly with a square front to the world. If you insist on keeping up this desultory warfare, from which no good can ever come, will only tell me when you are going to strike, I will receive your fusillades full in the face. You have fired at me from the rear till your broadsides only irritate. They no longer fetch blood.

So goodbye, insistent maligners, for the present. I sometimes wish I knew your identity, but knowing I might be disappointed. Allowing you all the latitude and longitude you can possibly make use of, you are a damned diminutive specimen, a survivor of one of the plagues of Egypt. But keep an expectorating your venom; there is room on terra firma for us all.

D. R. Kenton can meet your ever waal.

JURORS DO YOUR DUTY.

Morgan county juries have heretofore borne an unenviable reputation for leniency toward defendants upon whose guilt or innocence they have been called to pass. Men have been acquitted of crime whom the public strongly suspected ought to have been convicted. Others have gotten off with a very little sentence when it appeared to a great many well informed people that they should have had the limit of the law. The best safeguard of the citizens of a community is the strict enforcement of the law; and no set of officers can enforce the law unless they are upheld by both the grand and petit juries. Unless our juries do their full duty and mete out even handed justice to all alike our county will soon become the dumping ground for trials from other counties on a change of venue, and this is a form of notoriety which we are not seeking. No innocent man should be punished; neither should a guilty man go unwhipped of justice, and the greatest menace to public safety and one which does more to foster crime and to embolden the habitual criminal to do more desperate acts is the habit that juries sometimes fall into of letting their sympathy get the upper hand of their judgment and of failing to impose a sentence commensurate with the crime.

Jurors do your duty without fear or favor! Let not sympathy and false sentiment rule when cool judgment rebels. Upon you more than any other class of men the peace and quietude of our country depends.

GUMPTION

Which is Common Sense without Educational Furbelows.
By L. T. HOVERMALE.

The Inevitable.

A careful study of there turns, or rather the result, of the recent election will convince us that what happened was not the result of what man wanted, solely, but what had to be. It was the theological result of the awakening of the people to the sense of the power they held, of the ready weapon of defense they had in the ballot. It was a mighty protest against the injustice which they have so patiently borne for years. While lacking a popular majority Wilson's defeat of Taft was overwhelming and significant.

The election of the democratic candidates and a democratic Congress are but incidents—the first incidents—in the revolution that now is moving onward. The daily press speaks of a threatened revolution. That revolution has been in progress for years. We are in the midst of it. Slowly but steadily it has been gathering strength; the great body of wealth-producers—the laborers—have at last turned against the powers that have oppressed them and the election of Wilson's defeat of Taft was overwhelming and significant.

The four million who voted for Roosevelt and the million who voted for Debs are as important factors as the six million who voted for Wilson. The idea of political freedom is now so forceful that even those who deliberately closed their eyes to it must now take heed. The election of the democratic ticket is not the goal of progressive ambition. The people have broken their chains. Party fealty has lost its power to cause the voter to "vote 'er straight." "Bolt'er" is no longer a term of reprobation. The laborer has seen the higher light.

The old stand-pat element of the republican party sees the handwriting on the wall, and are striving to gather together the scattered fragments of the wreck of their party to reorganize on lines that only a few weeks ago they denounced so bitterly. To prevent that old party from going out of existence, as the old Whig party did, the leaders are proposing to abandon all the things they advocated in the re-

cent campaign and build the party upon an entirely new declaration of principles. The progressives are still militant and refuse to go back under the name of the discredited and sinking organization. Shortly the voting members of both of these parties will see that it is the vaulting ambition of two crowds of antagonistic leaders using them for the purpose of self-aggrandisement, and will in righteous indignation leave them.

The republican party can never be rehabilitated. It is buried beyond hope of resurrection. With such men as Roosevelt; Perkins, Munsey and that ilk in the control the progressives can gain no new converts. It will even lose what it has when they see the joke of McCormick, Perkins, Flinn, etc., posing as reformers. The accessions to that party were caused by the striking out blindly of honest men to free themselves from the thrall of the party of special interests, and it is not their fault that the new party to which they allied themselves is a political hoax. Mr. Roosevelt and his associates, unintentionally, have performed a great service for the country. They have made the independent voters a power entitled to respect. Their work ends there.

But slowly, steadily and surely a new party has grown up. Until recently an object of derision and scorn, it has held to its course, patiently, unwaveringly and hopefully, until at the last election it more than doubled its strength and polled a million votes. It never loses a convert. "Once a socialist always a socialist." Why? Because they have looked beyond the present and have outdistanced all the others in the theory of economic progress—have built upon the correct principles and their position is unassailable. Their theory offers the producers of wealth the only solution that is just and equitable, that strikes the fundamentals.

The inevitable is that in the future the democratic and the socialist parties will be the chief gladiators in the arena of American politics. First the republican and then the progressive party will pass into forgetfulness, and the great battle will waged between democrats and socialists, and in the end the latter will win. No power of man can prevent this, because no power of man can check the growth of human thought. The democrats advocate the extreme of progressiveness that can be attained under the present system, and, if faithful to their pledges, will bring relief from many of the present burdens, but that will only stimulate the demand for complete justice, and obtain that the whole system must be changed. And when the wielders of the ballot see the time is ripe for the change, the overthrow of the competitive system will occur.

Events are moving rapidly and this change is due within the generation.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Rev. L. P. Kirk, of LaFayette, and Rev. Ross Murray, of L. V., will begin a series of meetings in the Court House in West Liberty October 11. Everybody invited to come and participate.

LOST

On the night of Nov. 9, seal pin, coffin shaped with black onyx set. Finder will return to M. T. Womack and get reward.

It is a pleasure to tell you that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best cough medicine I have ever used," writes Mrs. Ruth Campbell, of Louisville, Ky. "I have used it with all my children and the results have been highly satisfactory." For sale by all dealers.

It is a pleasure to tell you that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best cough medicine I have ever used," writes Mrs. Ruth Campbell, of Louisville, Ky. "I have used it with all my children and the results have been highly satisfactory." For sale by all dealers.

M. SABEL & SONS

221-223 Main St., Louisville, Ky.

Dealers in FURS, HIDES, WOOL.

W. G. CRADDE, President.

W. G. CRADDE

Farmer's Corner.

To Cure Gapes.

A very simple remedy for gapes is to get an old bucket or a very deep pan and cover the bottom with air slacked lime to about the depth of an inch, and cover the top with an old sack or any old piece of cloth that can be procured. Put chicks in and shake vigorously for about a second, but be careful and give small chicks a very small dose. If this fails the first time try it again. I have had it to cure them when you would have thought they would die any moment. It is best always to take the chicks in hand and give them a small dose "when the first get the sniffles," for that leads to gapes.—National Stockman and Farmer.

Alfalfa a Good Feed For Hens.

All successful poultrymen feed alfalfa, many of them every day in the year. Some feed alfalfa meal, some alfalfa leaves and others alfalfa hay, allowing the hens to pick off the leaves. Alfalfa colors the yolk the dark orange that the pig priced market demands. It also furnishes an appetizing, healthful roughage, supplies material needed in the formation of the egg and is a mild laxative and is good aid in keeping the hens in active working condition.—Farm Journal.

Successful Compost.

Having almost no stock, just one horse and one pig, I make my compost heap as follows, and always have enough for about three acres of cotton and plenty also for the garden and orchard: I go into the woods and get a good load of nearly rotten pine straw and leaves, put them into the stable; after being there a week are so, begin my compost heap with them. Then all grass, etc., tidied up in the garden, perhaps a barrow load or two of sawdust from where the stove wood is sawed, then another load of straw and leaves just as they come from the woods the whole lot well dampened (if dry weather) and sprinkled with about fifty pounds of kainit, then stable litter again, and so on. The hog pen is littered with nearly all leaves, and that also goes on my compost heap. Save everything, even chicken feathers; it all helps to make a large heap.

Let the hens scratch about on the top of the heap, they don't do any harm, but good. I find that the pine straw leaves rot better with a trace of stable manure in them, but grass and green stuff of all kinds ferments and rots rapidly. My three acres of Sunbeam cotton, manured with about six loads of this compost to the acre, looked like three bales in July.—James E. Thomas in Home and Farm.

A Gentleman.

A man that's clean inside and out; who neither looks up to the rich nor down to the poor; who can loose without squealing and who can win without bragging; who is considerate of women, children and old people; who is too brave to lie, too generous to cheat, and who takes his share of the world and lets other people have theirs.—New York Sun.

To show The world.

The whole world knows something about the "Winning of the West," but there is very much that could be told of the magnificent country beyond the Mississippi river, stretching away for 2,000 miles westward and still westward toward the setting sun.

What reader hereof knows that Louisiana ranks next to the great states of the Pacific coast as a producer of lumber? Or that she is the greatest producer of sulphur, as of sugar? What reader knows how near the top of the list Oregon stands as a producer of hops, or Missouri as a source of lead, corn and cattle; what richness the valley of the Arkansas pours into the lap of commerce, which State has the most sheep grazing on its plains, what rivers of crude petroleum flow from the wells of Texas, or where the most rice or wheat is grown? How many know that in a river delta richer than that of the Nile, the people of California and Nevada are growing the finest cotton in the world, the best dates ever placed before an epicure, and table grapes that would make the mouth of Bacchus water? No breakfast table to-day is quite complete unless it is graced by the peerless navel oranges of California, but California produces a hundred choice other products of the soil—raisins, olives, wine, nuts, figs—More than could be catalogued in a column of this paper. The State of Washington, possessing wealth so boundless that no assessor could estimate it, has room for more people than crowd the British Isles, Idaho,



Very Serious

It is a very serious matter to ask for one medicine and have the wrong one given you. For this reason we urge you in buying to be careful to get the genuine—

THEFORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT Liver Medicine

Read our clubbing offer again—you can sincerely comprehend what it means to you.

The reputation of this old, reliable medicine, for constipation, indigestion and liver trouble, is firmly established. It does not imitate other medicines. It is better than others, or it would not be the favorite liver powder, with a larger sale than all others combined.

SOLD IN TOWN F2

Porto Rico's Advancement.

Porto Rico, until recently benighted, lax and lethargic, whose trade was of little importance to the world, has risen until it stands twelfth among the countries of the globe as a customer of the United States. Last year the island purchased from this country over \$37,000,000 worth of products.

The Islanders cannot supply the demand made upon them for coffee, tobacco and other products, and are prospering generally.

The boys appetite is often the source of amazement. If you should have such an appetite take Chamberlain's Tablets. They not only excite a healthy appetite, but strengthen the stomach and enable it to do its work naturally. For sale by all dealers.

Read our clubbing offer again—you can sincerely comprehend what it means to you.

The boys appetite is often the source of amazement. If you should have such an appetite take Chamberlain's Tablets. They not only excite a healthy appetite, but strengthen the stomach and enable it to do its work naturally. For sale by all dealers.

F2

Read our clubbing offer again—you can sincerely comprehend what it means to you.

The reputation of this old, reliable medicine, for constipation, indigestion and liver trouble, is firmly established. It does not imitate other medicines. It is better than others, or it would not be the favorite liver powder, with a larger sale than all others combined.

SOLD IN TOWN F2

Porto Rico's Advancement.

Porto Rico, until recently benighted, lax and lethargic, whose trade was of little importance to the world, has risen until it stands twelfth among the countries of the globe as a customer of the United States. Last year the island purchased from this country over \$37,000,000 worth of products.

The Islanders cannot supply the demand made upon them for coffee, tobacco and other products, and are prospering generally.

The boys appetite is often the source of amazement. If you should have such an appetite take Chamberlain's Tablets. They not only excite a healthy appetite, but strengthen the stomach and enable it to do its work naturally. For sale by all dealers.

Read our clubbing offer again—you can sincerely comprehend what it means to you.

The boys appetite is often the source of amazement. If you should have such an appetite take Chamberlain's Tablets. They not only excite a healthy appetite, but strengthen the stomach and enable it to do its work naturally. For sale by all dealers.

F2

Read our clubbing offer again—you can sincerely comprehend what it means to you.

The reputation of this old, reliable medicine, for constipation, indigestion and liver trouble, is firmly established. It does not imitate other medicines. It is better than others, or it would not be the favorite liver powder, with a larger sale than all others combined.

SOLD IN TOWN F2

Porto Rico's Advancement.

Porto Rico, until recently benighted, lax and lethargic, whose trade was of little importance to the world, has risen until it stands twelfth among the countries of the globe as a customer of the United States. Last year the island purchased from this country over \$37,000,000 worth of products.

The Islanders cannot supply the demand made upon them for coffee, tobacco and other products, and are prospering generally.

The boys appetite is often the source of amazement. If you should have such an appetite take Chamberlain's Tablets. They not only excite a healthy appetite, but strengthen the stomach and enable it to do its work naturally. For sale by all dealers.

Read our clubbing offer again—you can sincerely comprehend what it means to you.

The boys appetite is often the source of amazement. If you should have such an appetite take Chamberlain's Tablets. They not only excite a healthy appetite, but strengthen the stomach and enable it to do its work naturally. For sale by all dealers.

F2

Read our clubbing offer again—you can sincerely comprehend what it means to you.

The reputation of this old, reliable medicine, for constipation, indigestion and liver trouble, is firmly established. It does not imitate other medicines. It is better than others, or it would not be the favorite liver powder, with a larger sale than all others combined.

SOLD IN TOWN F2

Porto Rico's Advancement.

Porto Rico, until recently benighted, lax and lethargic, whose trade was of little importance to the world, has risen until it stands twelfth among the countries of the globe as a customer of the United States. Last year the island purchased from this country over \$37,000,000 worth of products.

The Islanders cannot supply the demand made upon them for coffee, tobacco and other products, and are prospering generally.

The boys appetite is often the source of amazement. If you should have such an appetite take Chamberlain's Tablets. They not only excite a healthy appetite, but strengthen the stomach and enable it to do its work naturally. For sale by all dealers.

Read our clubbing offer again—you can sincerely comprehend what it means to you.

The boys appetite is often the source of amazement. If you should have such an appetite take Chamberlain's Tablets. They not only excite a healthy appetite, but strengthen the stomach and enable it to do its work naturally. For sale by all dealers.

F2

Read our clubbing offer again—you can sincerely comprehend what it means to you.

The reputation of this old, reliable medicine, for constipation, indigestion and liver trouble, is firmly established. It does not imitate other medicines. It is better than others, or it would not be the favorite liver powder, with a larger sale than all others combined.

SOLD IN TOWN F2

Porto Rico's Advancement.

Porto Rico, until recently benighted, lax and lethargic, whose trade was of little importance to the world, has risen until it stands twelfth among the countries of the globe as a customer of the United States. Last year the island purchased from this country over \$37,000,000 worth of products.

The Islanders cannot supply the demand made upon them for coffee, tobacco and other products, and are prospering generally.

The boys appetite is often the source of amazement. If you should have such an appetite take Chamberlain's Tablets. They not only excite a healthy appetite, but strengthen the stomach and enable it to do its work naturally. For sale by all dealers.

Read our clubbing offer again—you can sincerely comprehend what it means to you.

The boys appetite is often the source of amazement. If you should have such an appetite take Chamberlain's Tablets. They not only excite a healthy appetite, but strengthen the stomach and enable it to do its work naturally. For sale by all dealers.

F2

Read our clubbing offer again—you can sincerely comprehend what it means to you.

The reputation of this old, reliable medicine, for constipation, indigestion and liver trouble, is firmly established. It does not imitate other medicines. It is better than others, or it would not be the favorite liver powder, with a larger sale than all others combined.

SOLD IN TOWN F2

Porto Rico's Advancement.

Porto Rico, until recently benighted, lax and lethargic, whose trade was of little importance to the world, has risen until it stands twelfth among the countries of the globe as a customer of the United States. Last year the island purchased from this country over \$37,000,000 worth of products.

The Islanders cannot supply the demand made upon them for coffee, tobacco and other products, and are prospering generally.

The boys appetite is often the source of amazement. If you should have such an appetite take Chamberlain's Tablets. They not only excite a healthy appetite, but strengthen the stomach and enable it to do its work naturally. For sale by all dealers.

Read our clubbing offer again—you can sincerely comprehend what it means to you.

The boys appetite is often the source of amazement. If you should have such an appetite take Chamberlain's Tablets. They not only excite a healthy appetite, but strengthen the stomach and enable it to do its work naturally. For sale by all dealers.

F2

Read our clubbing offer again—you can sincerely comprehend what it means to you.

The reputation of this old, reliable medicine, for constipation, indigestion and liver trouble, is firmly established. It does not imitate other medicines. It is better than others, or it would not be the favorite liver powder, with a larger sale than all others combined.

SOLD IN TOWN F2

Porto Rico's Advancement.

Porto Rico, until recently benighted, lax and lethargic, whose trade was of little importance to the world, has risen until it stands twelfth among the countries of the globe as a customer of the United States. Last year the island purchased from this country over \$37,000,000 worth of products.

The Islanders cannot supply the demand made upon them for coffee, tobacco and other products, and are prospering generally.

The boys appetite is often the source of amazement. If you should have such an appetite take Chamberlain's Tablets. They not only excite a healthy appetite, but strengthen the stomach and enable it to do its work naturally. For sale by all dealers.

Read our clubbing offer again—you can sincerely comprehend what it means to you.

The boys appetite is often the source of amazement. If you should have such an appetite take Chamberlain's Tablets. They not only excite a healthy appetite, but strengthen the stomach and enable it to do its work naturally. For sale by all dealers.

F2

Read our clubbing offer again—you can sincerely comprehend what it means to you.

The reputation of this old, reliable medicine, for constipation, indigestion and liver trouble, is firmly established. It does not imitate other medicines. It is better than others, or it would not be the favorite liver powder, with a larger sale than all others combined.

SOLD IN TOWN F2

Porto Rico's Advancement.

Porto Rico, until recently benighted, lax and lethargic, whose trade was of little importance to the world, has risen until it stands twelfth among the countries of the globe as a customer of the United States. Last year the island purchased from this country over \$37,000,000 worth of products.

The Islanders cannot supply the demand made upon them for coffee, tobacco and other products, and are prospering generally.

The boys appetite is often the source of amazement. If you should have such an appetite take Chamberlain's Tablets. They not only excite a healthy appetite, but strengthen the stomach and enable it to do its work naturally. For sale by all dealers.

Read our clubbing offer again—you can sincerely comprehend what it means to you.

The boys appetite is often the source of amazement. If you should have such an appetite take Chamberlain's Tablets. They not only excite a healthy appetite, but strengthen the stomach and enable it to do its work naturally. For sale by all dealers.

F2

Read our clubbing offer again—you can sincerely comprehend what it means to you.

The reputation of this old, reliable medicine, for constipation, indigestion and liver trouble, is firmly established. It does not imitate other medicines. It is better than others, or it would not be the favorite liver powder, with a larger sale than all others combined.

SOLD IN TOWN F2

Porto Rico's Advancement.

Porto Rico, until recently benighted, lax and lethargic, whose trade was of little importance to the world, has risen until it stands twelfth among the countries of the globe as a customer of the United States. Last year the island purchased from this country over \$37,000,000 worth of products.

The Islanders cannot supply the demand made upon them for coffee, tobacco and other products, and are prospering generally.

The boys appetite is often the source of amazement. If you should have such an appetite take Chamberlain's Tablets. They not only excite a healthy appetite, but strengthen the stomach and enable it to do its work naturally. For sale by all dealers.

Read our clubbing offer again—you can sincerely comprehend what it means to you.

The boys appetite is often the source of amazement. If you should have such an appetite take Chamberlain's Tablets. They not only excite a healthy appetite, but strengthen the stomach and enable it to do its work naturally. For sale by all dealers.

F2

Read our clubbing offer again—you can sincerely comprehend what it means to you.

The reputation of this old, reliable medicine, for constipation, indigestion and liver trouble, is firmly established. It does not imitate other medicines. It is better than others, or it would not be the favorite liver powder, with a larger sale than all others combined.

SOLD IN TOWN F2

Porto Rico's Advancement.

Porto Rico, until recently benighted, lax and lethargic, whose trade was of little importance to the world, has risen until it stands twelfth among the countries of the globe as a customer of the United States. Last year the island purchased from this country over \$37,000,000 worth of products.

The Islanders cannot supply the demand made upon them for coffee, tobacco and other products, and are prospering generally.

The boys appetite is often the source of amazement. If you should have such an appetite take Chamberlain's Tablets. They not only excite a healthy appetite, but strengthen the stomach and enable it to do its work naturally. For sale by all dealers.

Read our clubbing offer again—you can sincerely comprehend what it means to you.</p